

## FOREWORD

The sixth annual conference of the International Development Informatics Association was held in Istanbul, attended by participants from several countries, with the majority from South Africa. A total of 52 authors participated to prepare papers. The 2011 conference was held in Lima (Peru) and with IDIA's vision to gather researchers and experts in the field of ICT4D from all over the world to learn from one another, the present conference in Istanbul is an important step to realize that vision.

Computers are products of the Western world. This implies that their applications are dominated by problems and real world situations of affluent societies. The last few decades, however, witnessed the fast diffusion of computers to the majority of global human population, including the developing regions of the world. Although this diffusion paved way to some success stories such as the software industry in India, quality and quantity of ICT applications in the developing world is less than ideal. This situation is also reflected in the quantity of ICT researchers who are interested in Development Informatics. Thus, as a medium for exchanging research and experiences in the field, IDIA fulfills an important task along with some other organizations and research venues.

The contributions to the IDIA2012 Conference Proceedings capture a diverse range of topics and reflect the many dimension of ICT. The papers went through the double-blind peer review process, and reflect recent experiences and research into ICT in developing regions. We hope that the papers will contribute to an understanding of the challenges of ICT4D.

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